

Vera-Cruz, Mexico March 28<sup>th</sup> 1847  
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on tuesday last - all well - Gen<sup>l</sup> Scott is here at  
the head of the army and has been bombarding  
the City of Vera-Cruz since Monday last  
the City has suffered severely and report says  
will surrender to Scott this day  
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have received a letter from you but I  
did not, though I wrote you from there  
requesting an answer. When I was at Brazos  
I sent Capt Ellis a draft for five hundred  
dollars and requested him to let you have what  
money you might stand in need of  
I know not how long I shall be detained here  
though I expect not long after the City surrenders  
I know not where I shall be sent to from  
this, but think that I may go to New Orleans  
Should I go to Orleans I will send you some  
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from here, on Washington  
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Date: Mar. 28, 1847

Description: Letter from John Davison to Eliza Ann Davison, his wife, written in Veracruz, Mexica, about shipwrecks and the Mexican War.

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two exceptions Capt Daly of Augusta is  
among the number of the wrecked.  
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I will write you again before I leave here  
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Tell my dear Caleb Henry how much  
Father wants to see him. My time for  
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Affectionately your Husband  
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